

REMARKS

In the Official Action of August 15, 2005, claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15-23, 27-32, 34-38 and 42 were examined. Of these: claims 11-13, 17-23 and 27-32 were allowed; claim 10 was objected to; and only claims 1, 2, 4-9, 15-16, 37 and 42 were rejected. In response to the Office Action, Applicants request entry of the above-recited amendments to claims 1 and 10. Additionally, claims 34-38 are canceled pursuant to their prior withdrawal from consideration.

Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 1 as pending with the last Official Action, and to include the limitations of the intervening claims, as well. Accordingly, claim 10 now should be in the "allowed" category.

The rejection of claim 1 as anticipated by Magoon et al has been maintained and made final. Applicant thanks the Examiner for expanding the explanation of his rejection so that his concerns with claim 1 can now be understood. Applicants now believe they understand the Examiner's position. The Examiner's clarifying remarks were not present in the prior Office Action, leading to manifest misinterpretation of the rejection. As a result of the Examiner's new articulation, Applicants propose to amend claim 1 to mirror the limitations of claim 17; the Examiner previously indicated claim 17 to be allowable. This amendment results directly from the newly articulated basis for the rejection, and the amendment is based upon previously-indicated allowable subject matter. Consequently, Applicants submit that entry of this amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 is proper and will place all claims in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the application in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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